

## BLAST THE HOPES FOR EARLY FRUIT

Reports from Many Sections Unanimous in Expressing Opinion That Cold Has Been Fatal.

### FROST IN MANY PLACES

Real Test Will Not Be Found Until Higher Temperature Blackens Buds.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., April 2.—A heavy frost in the Norfolk county trucking belt last night with the thermometer down to thirty degrees did much damage in certain sections to growing crops, such as early potatoes, peas and beans, and fruit also suffered to a considerable extent. Strawberries were in bloom, but those being close in the vines were more protected and did not suffer to such an extent as did the fruit trees, which were in bloom.

The ground was frozen sufficiently hard to bear the weight of a man in the truck fields. Truckers said the full extent of the damage could not be told until the sun appears and blackens the injured truck.

In other sections it was said that the wind, which blew heavily throughout the night, blew the water out of the cups of the flowers of the fruit trees and berry plants, which were from this reason, truckers believe, saved from freezing and destruction.

In many parts of the great small fruit and vegetables region surrounding Norfolk there was no damage wrought last night, but farmers are apprehensive that trouble may come to-night, in view of the Weather Bureau prediction of fair weather accompanied by frost. Should the wind not blow to-night the crops are likely to suffer.

R. A. Hyslop, who is largely interested in truck raising hereabouts, said this afternoon that he knew no one whose crops suffered last night, but all whom he knew who were advised of the prediction of the Weather Bureau were fearful of what may happen to-night.

Danville.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DANVILLE, VA., April 2.—Last night one of the coldest snaps ever experienced in this section so late as April fell upon the people without notice, and as a result a large portion of the early crops were destroyed almost entirely.

The temperature fell to about twenty or twenty-five degrees in the city and the country. No frost has been reported, but several small streams were frozen over. Much corn has been planted, and the tobacco plants, which have just been placed in their beds, have gone the way of other vegetation. Cabbage plants, which are much harder, and which were planted in the same beds, were killed in many places. In case this is the case the farmers of the hucro-growing belt will suffer much loss.

Saunton.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SAUNTON, VA., April 2.—A severe frost following fifteen days of warm weather passed over this section in the last four days, the thermometer sinking as low as fifteen. Peaches, cherries and plum trees, in full bloom, were killed by the freeze.

Early apples are somewhat damaged, but the late apples were not far enough advanced to be damaged. Garden vegetables are not far enough advanced to be injured. The wheat crop is injured to some extent.

Lynchburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, VA., April 2.—With the early fruit trees in full bloom, and many of them heavy with foliage, the temperature, according to the Weather Bureau instruments, dropped in the city last night to 25 degrees, this being the minimum temperature recorded in Lynchburg in April since the establishment of the government record in 1871.

There seems to be no doubt that practically all, if not all of the early fruits have been killed and that the crop of 1907 will be a failure.

Winchester.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINCHESTER, VA., April 2.—Fruit men say the peach crop was ruined by the cold snap of last night, when ice was formed, after some days of very warm weather. While apples are damaged the extent cannot now be estimated. This means a loss of many thousands of dollars.

Roanoke.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., April 2.—While it will be several days before the full extent of the damage to the fruit crop is known, still it is pretty well agreed that the peach and peach crop have been about wiped out by the cold weather last night. There was an inch of ice this morning, but winds saved some of the fruit.

Bristol.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BRISTOL, VA., April 2.—Considerable frost and ice formed in Southwest

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Virginia last night and reports from different counties indicate that the fruit crop is damaged, particularly the peach crop. The apple crop is not thought to be injured.

Lunenburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LUNENBURG, VA., April 2.—Last night was extremely cold here, and this morning ice one inch thick could be found in places freely exposed. A portion of the snow that fell here Sunday can yet be seen in many places, and the ground frozen hard, and at 12 o'clock today had thawed very little. It is estimated by the older class of farmers and fruit raisers in this section that portion of the early fruit crop has been destroyed, and unless the weather moderates this evening a large portion of that already left will go up. Early vegetables have been damaged to a great extent as well as grass crops.

Cumberland.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CUMBERLAND, VA., April 2.—The unprecedented warm spell of last week has been followed by a cold snap that covered the ground for nearly twenty-four hours, an icy blast blowing from the north, with rapidly falling mercury. The ground is hard frozen. Green leaves on all trees and rose bushes are frozen and black at three hours after sunrise. Peach crop is doubtless destroyed, and young plants in beds damaged. Mercury registers twenty-eight degrees at 5:30, and falling at the rate of two degrees per hour.

Hanover.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
HANOVER, VA., April 2.—The thermometer this morning was down to eighteen, and ice formed one-fourth of an inch. All of the early fruit blooms must have been killed.

Boydton.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BOYDTON, VA., April 2.—The ice was half-inch thick here this morning, and with a piercing wind from the northeast it was intensely cold, and it is feared that fruit and early vegetation is very much injured.

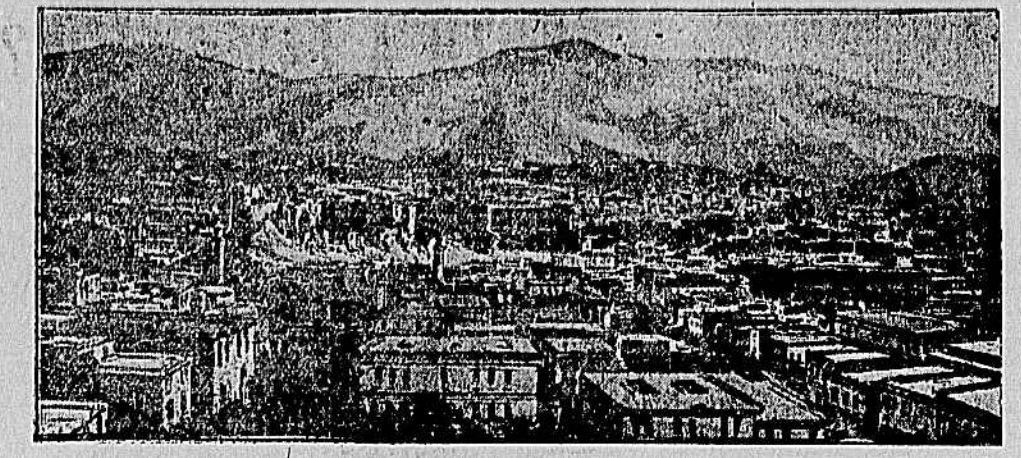
Louisa.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LOUISA, VA., April 2.—After summer heat last Friday, which caused all the fruit trees to bloom, the thermometer reached 20 degrees last night and was formed on all small ponds. The fruit crop is ruined. Tobacco planters saved their plant beds by covering them with canvas and bagging. In the bright tobacco belt most of the tobacco plant beds will have to be made over again, thus delaying the crop.

Raleigh.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., April 2.—There was freezing weather throughout this section this morning, the mercury registering 28 in the observatory of the Raleigh Weather Bureau. Killing frosts are reported from all the principal points in the western and central sections of the State. It is feared that there is almost a clean sweep of fruits and truck, although the real conditions as to these crops cannot be ascertained as yet. The fact that truckers, especially berry-growers, are generally prepared to cover the vines and protect them from sudden cold and frost causes the hope to be entertained that the damage in the truck and berry sections will not be so great.

## ARMENIAN CITY WRECKED BY EARTHQUAKE



GENERAL VIEW OF BITTLIS.  
Many houses demolished and shock continues, but very few casualties are reported.

ERZERUM, TURKISH ARMENIA, April 2.—Information has reached the British consul here to the effect that while the earthquake which occurred at Bittlis March 29th was violent, the loss of life was small, only four casualties having been reported. Many houses were demolished, and the shocks continue. Almost all the inhabitants are camped in the snow.

London Sends Orders for Relief of Stricken Town.

LONDON, April 2.—The situation of Bittlis, which is built on a rocky slope, with houses constructed of stone, hurching flat, without roofs, caused people to fear that a great amount of damage had been done. It is described as a picturesque, densely populated town, having but few Europeans among the population. A British consul is stationed there, but at present he is absent on leave. Instructions have already been sent to the local authorities to afford relief to the inhabitants, but there is no doubt that outside help is needed.

County Clerk Coleman Dead

Passes Away Suddenly at His Home After Having Risen for the Day.

SIXTY YEARS OF SERVICE

Appointed Deputy Under Egbert G. Leigh in 1847—Succeeding Him Six Years Later.

AMELIA, VA., April 2.—County Clerk E. H. Coleman is dead. With profound sorrow Amelia mourns the loss of one of her oldest and best citizens, and for sixty years deputy clerk, and clerk of her County and Circuit Courts. Mr. Coleman enjoyed the fullest confidence and esteem of this community, and during the many years of his occupancy of this office has had no opposition for the place. During the past year he has for several long intervals been unable to appear at his office, though at times was well enough to get out a little in the mild sunny days. This morning he got up and his breakfast was brought to him by his daughter, Mrs. W. T. Robertson, but he asked her to set it aside, saying he would eat it later. He complained of not feeling well, and asked her to send for the doctor. She sent a messenger at once, and helped him back to bed, but by the time he could recline on the bed, respiration had ceased.

Assistance from friends was immediately at hand, and messages were dispatched to Mrs. W. T. Robertson and Mr. C. St. J. Beaulieu, and Mr. Macon H. Coleman, of Richmond. Arrangements have been made to have the burial at the Presbyterian Cemetery here on Thursday evening at 3 o'clock.

Edward Henry Coleman was born at old family homestead in lower part of Amelia county, on the 11th of February, 1831; was appointed Deputy Clerk under Egbert G. Leigh, in 1847. Mr. Leigh resigned in 1853, when E. H. Coleman was appointed to fill vacancy, and elected clerk in 1854, not held office ever since, except the period between 1863 to 1875, when the office was held by military appointees. He was the youngest son of Captain Armistead and Elizabeth Quarles Coleman, of "Chestnut Grove," Amelia county.

He leaves one son, Mr. Macon H. Coleman, of Richmond, Va., and two daughters, Mrs. W. T. Robertson and Mrs. Charles St. John Beaulieu, of Amelia—and is survived by two sisters—Mrs. Evelyn Tolson, of Dinwiddie county, and Mrs. Julia H. Coleman, of Amelia.

For sixty-two years, Mr. Coleman was at his post, and in a cheerful and familiar manner with all the details of his office made him popular with all classes and especially with the members of the bar. To his intimate friends and they were many, he had long been known as "Grandpa," and he enjoyed and gracefully noted the title.

OBITUARY.

John P. Manning.

Mr. John P. Manning, brother of Police Commissioner Chris. Manning, of this city, died yesterday at Tucson, Ariz.

Instructions have been sent to have the body prepared for shipment to his home here.

Mr. Manning's relatives are notified as to cause of his death. He was twenty-seven years old and had been engaged with his brother here in the plumbing contracting business. He left Richmond in October for Tucson, Ariz.

Funeral of Mr. Gary.

The body of Mr. Thomas Garland Gary, who died at Long Beach, Cal., on March 27th, reached Richmond last night, and the funeral will take place this afternoon.

Mr. Gary was in his thirty-third year, and leaves besides his wife, one sister, William M. Taylor, of this city.

The funeral will take place at Trinity Methodist Church at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and the interment will be in Oakwood.

Samuel M. Taylor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINCHESTER, VA., April 2.—Samuel McCormick Taylor, a leading Berryville business man, died at his home in that place this morning after a short illness. He was born in Winchester fifty-seven years ago, and was the son of the late Major William Taylor, of Kansas City, Mo., and two brothers, Messrs. Charles Park and Samuel M. Gary, of this city.

The funeral will take place at Trinity Methodist Church at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and the interment will be in Oakwood.

Charles A. Feuchterberger.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., April 2.—Mr. Charles A. Feuchterberger, aged forty-seven, a native of Winchester, Va., but for twelve years past a well-known business man of this city, died at a late hour last night, after a two months' illness of cancer of the throat. The funeral service will occur at 3 o'clock tomorrow from the Lutheran Church, and will be conducted by the Rev. H. Schroeder, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Feuchterberger is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Sophie Hartman, of this city, and five children—Samuel, Mrs. A. F. Hargrave.

Mrs. A. F. Hargrave.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WEST POINT, VA., April 2.—Mrs. A. F. Hargrave died last night at her home on E. Street, of nephritis, after suffering for several months. She came to this town some years ago from her home in Tazewell, where she had spent her early life, and had won for herself an ever-widening circle of friends. The funeral services will be held in St. John's Episcopal Church, of which she was a member, at 11 o'clock on Thursday, April 4th, at 11 o'clock. Her husband, Mr. A. F. Hargrave, conducts the West Point Pharmacy, and was well known to all in him and the daughter, Miss Marie, and the sons, Messrs. Walter, Alfred and Raymond.

Mrs. Catharine Eddy.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINCHESTER, VA., April 2.—Mrs. Catharine Eddy, widow of Robert Eddy, died last night at her home, three miles east of Winchester, aged seventy-nine years. Mrs. Eddy was before her marriage Miss Catharine Morgan, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., a member of the well-known family of that name. She is survived by three daughters—Mrs. Joseph Knight, and Miss Virginia Eddy, here.

Mrs. Grace Rittenour.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., April 2.—Mrs. Grace Rittenour, wife of Dr. Avery A. Rittenour, died last night at the residence of Mrs. J. H. Chandler, on Commerce Street, after a short illness with typhoid pneumonia. Mrs. Rittenour was survived by one daughter, who resides in Richmond.

John F. Beard.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., April 2.—Mr. John F. Beard, a prominent citizen of Vinton, died last night from pneumonia, aged sixty-one years. He is survived by his wife and eight children.

Captain A. Mangum.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DURHAM, N. C., April 2.—Captain A. Mangum, cousin of the late Senator Wm. F. Mangum, who was Vice-President of the United States, died after a brief illness. He has been in feeble health for some time, and his death was no surprise. Captain Mangum was eighty-two years of age, and practiced law until recently. He was widely known and his death created much sadness. He is survived by a host of relatives.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving remembrance of our dear father, BERNARD BECHER, who departed this life on Wednesday, April 3, 1907.

BY HIS CHILDREN.

DEATHS.

ROGER—Died, in Newport News, on the 1st of April, LOUIS ROGER, of this city.

PHILIP—Died, in Richmond, on Wednesday, April 3, 1907, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Louisa papers please copy.

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Young Man Shot Himself in Hand

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with blood spurting from his left hand.

They again set out for home, but Mr. Brainard's hand was bleeding so profusely that she insisted on going into Mrs. Robinson's house to bind up the wound and summon assistance.

After talking with Chief Werner and Captain Barfoot, the young lady, who was sent to go home with a friend, and Captain Barfoot took Mr. Brainard to the Second Police Station, where a second examination was held. The ambulance had been called in the meanwhile, but Mr. Brainard, although suffering intensely, declined to have his wound dressed, and was finally taken by Captain Barfoot to his home, No. 116 East Franklin Street, where his family physician was summoned.

The young man was found to have an ugly wound in the palm of his left hand, the ball having gone entirely through and crushed the two middle fingers. He declined to make any statement for publication last night, except that the shooting was an accident.

The police did not enter any charge against Mr. Brainard, as he had permission to carry a pistol.

Mr. George E. E. Cole returned to Washington, D. C., Monday, having spent the past ten days with his father, Mr. S. L. Cole, of No. 1 South Pine Street.

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## PAINTERS' STRIKE SEEMS IMMINENT

General Organizer of Union Asks to Be Heard, But Is Refused.

Contradictory reports circulated yesterday, Mr. James H. Sullivan, general organizer of the Journeymen Painters and Decorators' Union, stated last night that no strike among the journeymen painters had been ordered by himself or by any one else, and that none will be declared unless the Master Painters, in their meeting to-night, refuse to accede to the demands of the employees. According to a statement of one of the masters last night, Mr. Sullivan will not be heard before the meeting and his demands for an increase in pay and shorter hours and a closed shop will receive no attention. This will unquestionably mean a strike, as the journeymen are determined to work only eight hours and to insist on \$2.80 a day and a closed shop.

Demands of Journeymen.

Mr. Sullivan stated last night that he had extended the olive branch to the Master Painters' Association, and that he did not want to see a strike brought about. He had written to Mr. A. D. Wharton, secretary of the association, asking that he be heard on the demands of the journeymen painters, but the latter had not yet replied.

He will make no further move, and, if his request is refused, he will finally take action, but one course open, "And Sullivan, "I will be forced to act."

He stated that journeymen painters are making less money per day in Richmond than in any other city in the country, and that living expenses are much higher than in any other city, even Baltimore and Philadelphia. He thought that, considering this fact, and the fact that the journeymen receive on the average only \$2.25 per day, working only about seven months during the year, their demands were reasonable.

On his reckoning, journeymen painters receive an average of \$13.50 a week.

As to the report that two hundred journeymen painters had gone out on a strike already, Mr. Sullivan stated that he knew nothing about it. No strike had been ordered by him or by anybody else, as the master painters were first to be given the chance of hearing the demands of the painters before any action was taken.

Mr. Sullivan spoke very highly of several of the master painters, and said that he had been in Richmond practically agreed to the demands of the journeymen, believing that they were

just and in reason. But nothing can be accomplished unless they act as a unit, and, until it is agreed upon by them, in conference assembled—which seems unlikely—this will not come to pass.

What Employers Say.

It was stated last night by one of the largest of the masters that the closed strike is not regarded as of serious moment. The unionists claim about 20 as belonging in their ranks, but several shops employ only non-union men. The master painter stated also that the meeting to be held to-night was only one regularly called, and that it was not called especially to discuss the threatened strike. He also declared that Mr. Sullivan would not be heard. He said the journeymen demanded that the master painters sign an agreement for two years for the closed shop and that the masters association would never agree to this.

The journeymen painters are now laboring for nine hours a day at \$2.60 per day. Some receive \$2.75 per day. They are demanding \$2.80 per day, an eight-hour day and a closed shop.

BAD FIRE AT NEWBERN.

Estimated That Property Valued at \$50,000 Was Destroyed.

NEWBERN, N. C., April 2.—The worst fire that has visited this city in many years occurred this morning at 3 o'clock. The fire originated in J. M. Arnold's stable on Middle Street. A strong wind, blowing from the North, carried embers to the block of residences on Pollock Street.

A number of fine dwellings were burned with their contents. The First Baptist Church was on fire, and it was put out. Twenty horses were burned in the Arnold stables. The loss is conservatively estimated at \$50,000. There is practically no insurance.

DAMAGE IN GEORGIA.

Crops Injured and Fear Felt for Peaches.

SAVANNAH, GA., April 2.—Reports from Middle and South Georgia indicate that vegetables and farm crops have been seriously damaged by the cold of the last two days. They were well advanced for this time. Growers to-night say they are unable to tell whether the peach crop has been damaged. Fear is felt of a decrease of to-night's low temperature.

Plot Against the King.

BERLIN, April 2.—A dispatch to the Tagblatt from Czernowitz, Austria-Hungary, not far from the Rumanian frontier, says that intelligence has been received there from Bucharest to the effect that a plot has been discovered at the Rumanian capital against King Charles and his government. The city of Bucharest, it is added, is in a state of great excitement. News are not permitted to enter the capital, and numerous arrests have been made.



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